

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sang H. Ahn et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/724,454

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FOR: MAINTENANCE OF PHOTORESIST ADHESION
AND ACTIVITY ON THE SURFACE OF DIELECTRIC
ARCS FOR 90 nm FEATURE SIZES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1752

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§ EXAMINER: Hoa Van Le

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§ Attorney Docket No.:
§ AM-8472

Date: April 18, 2005

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant is responding to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply of one month. The Office Action is a Restriction Requirement. Applicant is submitting a one month Request for Extension of Time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, to extend the time period for response through May 3, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

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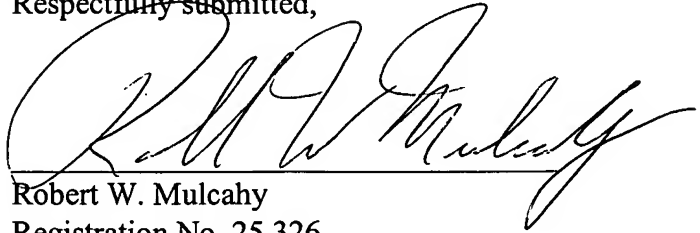
The claims have not been amended.

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding restriction requirement accompanies the present Response to Restriction Requirement. The fee for a One Month Extension of Time to respond is \$120.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$ 120.00, in payment of the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) for filing of a request for a one month extension of time to reply, as well as any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

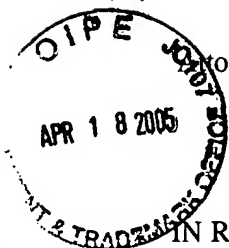
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. W. Mulcahy", written over a horizontal line.

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Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the Office Action. The Examiner has required an election from one of four inventions which are said to be present in the application.

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